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Elizabeth Dingman of Winifred captured this breathtaking scenic view outside of Winifred. Her photo claimed 5th place in Triangle's 2020 Photo Contest.

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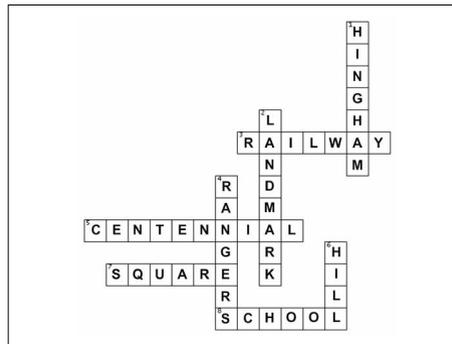
MOCCASIN/WINDHAM/ BENCHLAND CROSSWORD

ACROSS

- All three towns are located in Judith ____ County.
- Rancher L.H. Hamilton named ____ after his home county in Vermont.
- Anticipating the arrival of the ____ Railroad, Moccasin moved their townsite.
- Windham boomed due to the ____ Coal Company's coal mine operating in the area in the 1910s.
- An experimental farm station was started near Benchland in 1910 by ____ State College.

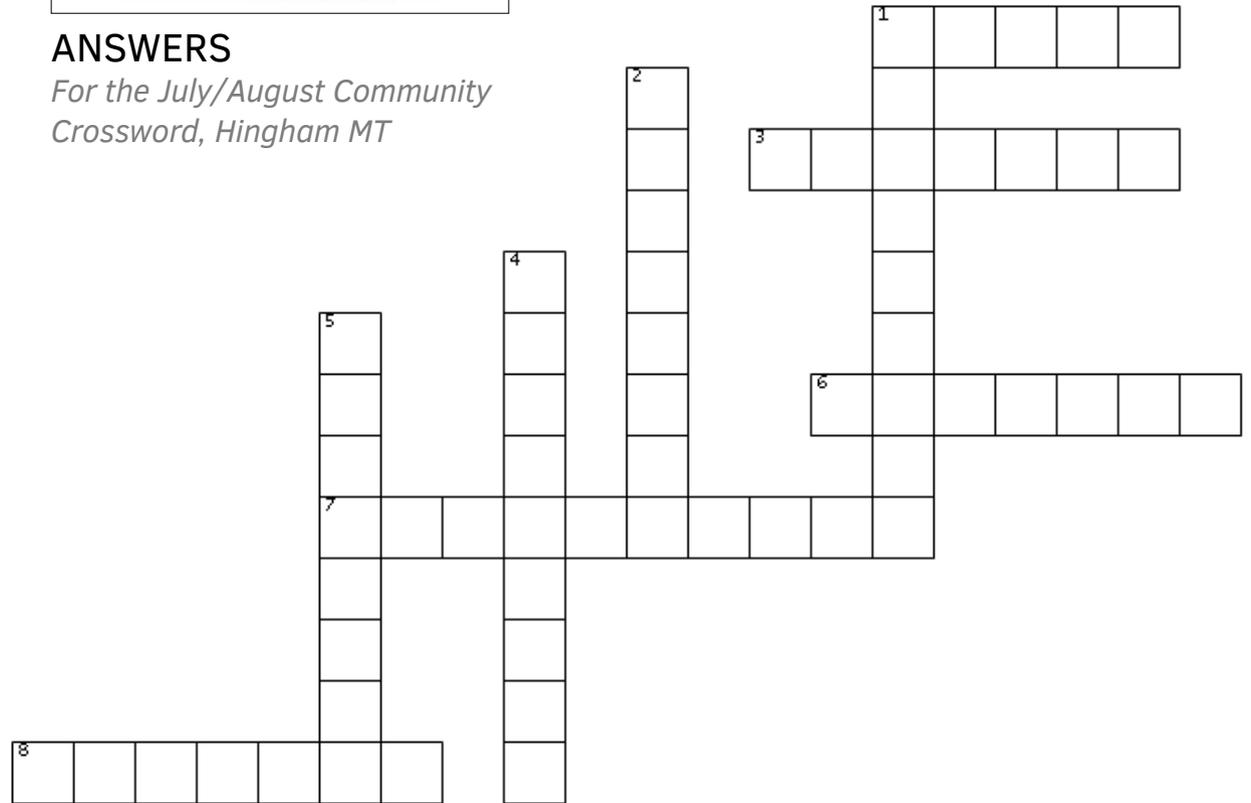
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- ____ was named for its' location on a plateau or flat plain.
- Benchland was located on the Great ____ Railway's branch line between Great Falls and Lewistown.
- Moccasin was named after the nearby Moccasin ____.
- ____ started in the 1880s as a post office.



ANSWERS

*For the July/August Community
Crossword, Hingham MT*



COOK'S CONNECTION

Dishing Up Montana's Best Recipes

Thank you to everyone who has shared their recipes, keep them coming!

If you have a favorite recipe of any kind that you would like to share, we would love to have it.



Earn a FREE GIFT just for sharing!

Photocopy, print or type your favorite recipe and send it in one of the following ways:

Mail to Newsletter, PO Box 1220, Havre, MT 59501

E-mail: newsletter@itsTriangle.net

RECIPE

Broccoli, Walnut & Apple Salad

Submitted by Erin Ramberg, Chinook

INGREDIENTS

1 cup mayonnaise
2 tablespoons honey
2 eggs
2 Tbsp apple cider vinegar
salt and pepper (I use Epicure SPG Seasoning) to taste
4 cups fresh broccoli florets, cut into small pieces
½ tsp. baking powder
1 apple, unpeeled and diced
1 cup walnuts, coarsely chopped
½ cup diced red onion
¼ cup chopped fresh parsley, if desired

DIRECTIONS

In a large mixing bowl, whisk together mayonnaise, honey, apple cider vinegar, and salt and pepper until smooth. Add the remaining ingredients; stir well to coat. This recipe can be served immediately, but the flavors improve after a few hours in the fridge. It will keep well for about 24 hours in the fridge- after that, it may be a bit soggy.

Note: You can substitute some or all of the mayonnaise with plain yogurt- regular or Greek will work fine. You may need to add a bit more than one cup, since it doesn't have the same consistency as mayo.

RECIPE

Finger Steaks (round steak)

Submitted by Mary Peigneux of Malta

INGREDIENTS

2 lbs. round steak, frozen- sliced wafer thin
1 tsp Adolph's tenderizer per 1 lb. of meat
2 tsp. Mrs. Dash flavoring
2 Tbps Worcestershire sauce

DIRECTIONS

Place all ingredients in a bowl with a cover and marinate overnight or at least 2 hours. Roll slices in flour or your favorite breading and deep fry for 2-3 minutes. Drain on paper towel. Dip in barbecue sauce, honey, mustard or your favorite sauce.

1# round steak = 50 wafer thin slices or 2# round steak = 100 wafer thin slices.

Serving size: 1 lb. = 3 servings and 2 lbs. = 5-6 servings.

Variations – Use tenderizer and garlic powder or onion powder, wine, soy sauce or use your imagination.

Cook's note: I cooked these in the air fryer and left the flour off

RECIPE

Ina's Best Chocolate Chip Cookies

Submitted by Kathryn Munson of Havre

INGREDIENTS

1 cup vegetable shortening
1 cup sugar
½ cup brown sugar, packed
2 eggs
1 tsp vanilla
2 ¼ cups flour
2 ¼ cups flour
1 tsp salt
1 tsp baking soda
1 cup chocolate chips

DIRECTIONS

Mix/cream together shortening and sugars. Add eggs and vanilla, then add remaining ingredients and mix well. Place spoonfuls of dough on lightly greased cookie sheets. Bake at 350° for 10-12 minutes. (Lesser time makes a softer cookie)

Triangle Communications Annual Meetings on October 9th & October 16th

Triangle Telephone Cooperative Association, Inc., doing business as Triangle Communications (Triangle), is planning to hold its 67th Annual Meeting of Members in a new way, with one northern meeting and one southern meeting. The meetings will be streamed live on our website.

The northern meeting will be held Saturday, October 9th, 2021 in Havre, MT on the campus of Montana State University-Northern. The southern meeting will be held October 16th, 2021 in Big Timber at the Sweet Grass Fairgrounds in the Community Center. A quorum must be met at both locations, which means a minimum of 50 members must be present for a quorum at each meeting.

Registration will begin at 8:30 AM and the business meeting will begin at 10:00 AM with lunch served following the meetings. The full agenda will take place at both meeting locations. If any floor motions are made at the northern meeting, they will be carried over to the southern meeting before it will pass or fail. Voting for the Trustees will be held at both meetings for Districts 1, 3, 4 & 5. Members can vote at whichever meeting they attend, but a member can only vote once, even if the member attends both meetings. All members' votes will be counted at the southern meeting in Big Timber. The cooperative attorney from Church Harris Johnson & Williams, will take custody of the ballots at the northern meeting and will hold custody of the ballots between the meetings. The cooperative will not have possession of the ballots between the two meetings and no voting will be allowed between the meetings.

There will be member gifts, as well as door prizes, including processed beef and pork purchased from local 4-H members. Up to six cash prizes will be available to members' children in attendance. The final voting for the annual Triangle Photo Contest will take place at the meetings. One lucky member at each meeting will win the grand prize of an iPad Pro.

*Meetings will be held with guidance from the State of Montana as it pertains to COVID-19.

Triangle Communications (Triangle) provides telecommunications service to over 15,000 access lines in 39 exchanges located in 16 counties. Our mission is to deliver technology solutions that break boundaries, create opportunities and build connections. Our vision is to inspire endless possibilities anytime, anywhere.



CEO MESSAGE

I am covering a few important topics in my message this month and I hope you can take a few minutes to read about some things we are working on for you, our members.

Summer is coming to an end and so is our 2021 Fiber to the Home construction season. Thank you to our members in our 2021 fiber upgrade areas for your patience while our contractors worked in your towns completing these projects. We are already working on the 2022 Fiber projects which will include South Malta, complete the Moore exchange and a section of Big Timber. Take a look at the map of our fiber deployments on our website (www.itstriangle.com/services/misc/triangle-fiber).

October is a busy month at Triangle Communications. After having cancelled our annual meetings in 2020 due to COVID, we are looking forward to hosting a north and south meeting this year. I would encourage all our members to watch the new video on the main page of our website. It goes through the history of Triangle Communications. I understand capital credits can be confusing so we also included in the video an explanation of how capital credits work. I hope this will help our members understand this important part of cooperative membership.

The Triangle Board of Trustees will again be offering a capital credit discount offer for years 1993 to 2020. If you had service in 1992, we are also doing a general retirement for year 1992. If you are participating in the discounted offer, members will receive their 1992 amount in with their discounted offer. If you do not choose to participate in the discounted offer, a standalone check for the 1992 general retirement will be sent to you.

A letter has been mailed to all members describing what you will need to know to decide on the discounted capital credits. If you have any questions or concerns after you receive the letter and Acceptance Form, please contact us with questions by email at capitalcredits@itstriangle.net or call our office at 1-800-332-1201.

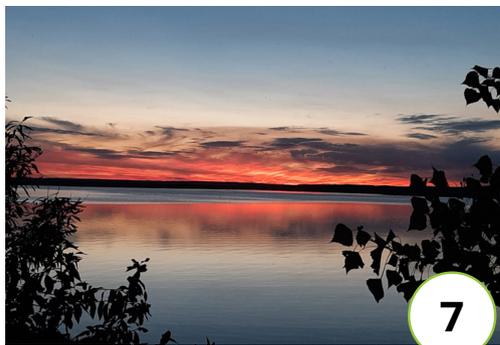
Craig Gates, CEO

TRIANGLE PHOTO CONTEST

Mail in your vote or "Like" photos to vote on our Top 20 album on Facebook by 9/30!

Mail in votes and Facebook Likes will be tallied to determine the winners.

First place will earn \$200! Second through sixth place will each earn \$50.





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Triangle Photo Contest Ballot

Name: _____

Triangle Phone#: _____

Favorite Photo#: _____

Mail this form to:
Triangle Photo Contest,
PO Box 1220
Havre MT 59501

One ballot per subscriber.

Notice:



Starting October 24th, 2021,
10-digit calling is required
throughout the state of Montana.

**10-DIGIT DIALING
EFFECTIVE 10/24/21**

As previously announced, Triangle Communications has been busy preparing our network and our members for the change to require 10-digit dialing for local calls. This change is the first step required to enable nationwide 988 dialing available for the National Suicide Prevention and Mental Health Crisis Lifeline.

The change to mandatory 10-digit dialing goes into effect on 10/24/21. This change affects both landline and mobile when calling a local number. Starting 10/24/2021, if you forget to use 10-digit dialing on a local call, you will receive a recording reminding you to use 10-digit dialing.

Business members, if you have not done so already, please start updating all of your contact information to include the area code 406 in your phone number to ensure customers can reach you.

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*New Bundles are available at locations with 2 lines or less.



The infographic is a grid of seven panels, each representing a principle of cooperatives. The central panel is a large yellow rectangle with the text 'the COOPERATIVE PRINCIPLES'. The surrounding panels are numbered 1 through 7 and contain icons and text:

- 1 VOLUNTARY & OPEN MEMBERSHIP**: Five hands of different colors reaching towards the center.
- 2 DEMOCRATIC MEMBER CONTROL**: A hand putting a ballot into a box labeled 'VOTE'.
- 3 MEMBERS' ECONOMIC PARTICIPATION**: A hand dropping a coin into a blue piggy bank.
- 4 AUTONOMY & INDEPENDENCE**: A gavel resting on a stack of books.
- 5 EDUCATION, TRAINING, & INFORMATION**: An apple on top of a stack of books.
- 6 COOPERATION AMONG COOPERATIVES**: Two hands shaking, one holding a plug.
- 7 CONCERN for COMMUNITY**: Four hands of different colors, each holding a heart.

FEATURED COMMUNITY - LOMA, MT



Whether you are looking for a day drive or weekend getaway, Loma is a must stop. Located at the confluence of the Marias and Missouri Rivers, Loma is well known for its' river access. A little-known fact is Loma holds the record for the most extreme recorded temperature change in a 24-hour period in the United States. On January 15, 1972, the temperature rose from -54 °F to 49 °F. This was a dramatic example of the regional Chinook winds in action.

One mile south of Loma, in June 1805, the Lewis and Clark Expedition spent nine days at the Marias River deciding which fork would lead them to the Northwest Passage. The "Decision Point" marker on the Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail is where they determined the Marias was not the main stem of the Missouri. A visit to the landmark will reward you with a beautiful overlook of the confluence of the Marias and Missouri Rivers.

The Earth Science Museum has a rich collection of gems, minerals, fossils, and Native American artifacts discovered in the area and around the world. The volunteers at the museum will provide a guided tour or you can wander the museum on your own.

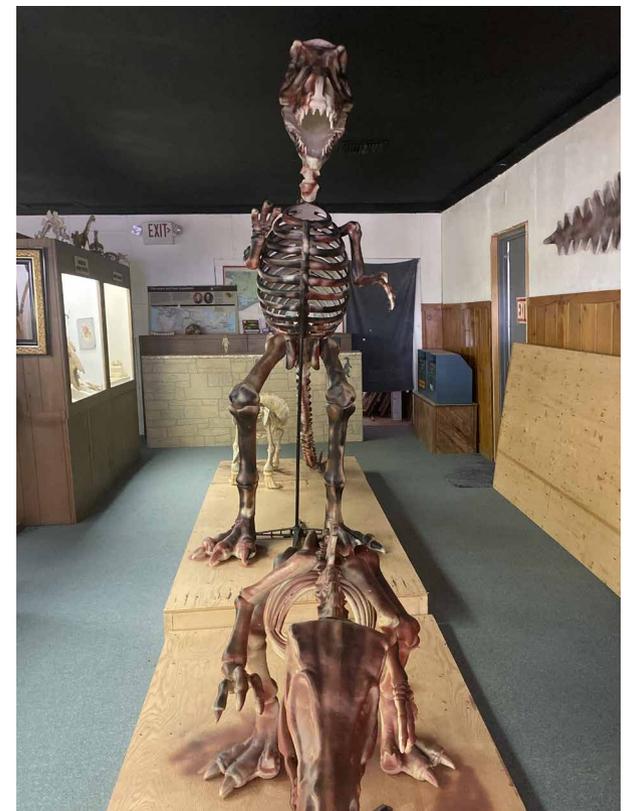
Ma's Loma Café has been serving up delicious meals for almost 20 years. A stop at the café will awaken your senses with homecooked meals and pie. Ma's is known for their authentic Mexican night as well as prime rib and seafood. Many date nights and family celebrations are held at the café.

Pa's Mart is your go to stop for everything from a cold drink, snacks, fishing supplies to tips on a fishing hot spot. Pa's is a popular stop for river travelers whether they are in a boat, kayak or float tube.

Rose River Inn has cabins that have entertained guests for many generations. The cabins are located near the Marias River with an easy stroll to the water. Guests can sit outside and enjoy the beautiful sunsets and sunrises.

A short drive to Virgelle will take you back in time. Virgelle has an amazing selection of antiques. If floating the Missouri, you can spend a night in comfort on your float trip by renting a room or cabin to stay in along the river. Virgelle is also home to a ferry that can transport your vehicle across the Missouri.

Almost 200 years later, Loma continues to be a destination for a day trip or a weekend getaway.



SWAP AND SHOP

Welcome to our Swap and Shop! Feel free to post and find classifieds from other members!
*Indicates photo of item available on website
(itstriangle.com/swap-and-shop)

Ford Rangers

Two Ford Ranger 4x4's both supercabs and run great. One is a 1989 5-speed with 133,000 miles, very clean. Second is a 1993 with an automatic transmission, 4.0L-v6 with 129,000 miles, needs some body work and paint. Take your pick, \$2,500. Call 406.378.2288.

Hot Tub

Hot tub for sale, needs work. Call 406.378.3212.

McCormick Deering Combine

Grader with a 14-foot blade, 186 HP 1HDT466 engine, hydrostatic with 10,374 hours. Asking \$17,000, call 406.376.3268.

Farm For Sale

1175 acre farm NE of Harlem. 840 crop land, balance pasture. Available after harvest. \$750.00 per acre crop land and \$225.00 for grazing. Located in Township 32N Range 25E Sections 4,9,5,6,8 Blaine County. Montana cadastral site has satellite pictures of the farm. Call 406.355.4773.

HON Lateral File*

HON 2 drawer lateral file with 3 shelves that lock, 42" wide x 66" high x 19" deep. Asking \$800.00, call 406.547.2409.

HON Office Desk*

38000 series, steel body 30" wide x 66" long with two drawers, locking. Asking \$450.00, call 406.547.2409.

Custom Built Kitchen Island

Island dimensions are 29 1/2" x 71 1/2" x 36" with a 2" maple butcher block top over an oak base with casters. The island has a large center storage area with an adjustable shelf that is accessible from both sides, four pull-through drawers, and a bookshelf on one end. Asking \$1,000, call 307.277.5782.

Misc Items

Portable air compressor; new bolts variety of sizes by number; two 5Hp. electric motors; 1985 Versatile 5000 series blade, 35.5 ft; like new Protec toolbox- fix most full-size pickups. Call 406.378.3212.

96 Yukon Parts

Doors (passenger side). Call 406.547.2187.

Baby Items

One full-size baby crib, 1 small crib, 1 bassinet, 1 baby scale, and 2 play & pack cribs. Call 406.378.3212 for pricing.

2015 Yukon Denali

Loaded with 96,000 miles. Asking \$36,500, call 406.390.3587.

Wurlitzer Fun Machine

One Wurlitzer Fun Machine with all books-used very little. Call 406.378.3212 for pricing.

Receiver Hitch

Fits on the back of the vehicle to haul items, call 406.378.3212.

Weight Bench

Weight bench with weights. Call 406.378.3212.

Items For Sale

1982 Ford Ranchero, needs some work and rear bumper replaced. Asking \$5,000. Roll-top desk in good condition, asking \$1,400. Call 406.622.5417.

Wanting To Buy

1955-1958 Chevy car or pickup for project. Also looking for a 410 shotgun. Call 406.326.2287.

1967 Ford Thunderbird*

This classic car runs great, has a clean interior, and is in good condition with some minor bodywork required. Asking \$8,000 but will consider reasonable offers. Call 406.357.4282.

Mercury Boat Motor

Mercury outboard boat motor. 6HP, 4 cycle, long shaft. Asking \$1,200, call 406.547.2184.

Antique Caterpillar Grader

Caterpillar pull-type grader from late '40s. All manual with a 12-foot blade. Asking \$1,750, call 406.376.3268.

Swap & Shop is a classified advertising section of the Triangle Communications and Hill County Electric websites and newsletters. It is maintained as a service to customers and communities wanting to buy, sell and announce non-commercial items. To have an ad included, simply enter all the pertinent information on the online form. An administrator will review the information within two business days and if approved, the ad will then appear. It will stay online for 60 days unless you notify us to remove or change it. It will also appear in any of the newsletters printed during that 60 day window. Triangle reserves the right to abbreviate ads and if the section is full, we will display ads on a first come, first-served basis. If you're unable to enter your ad online you may mail or e-mail it to us using the contact info inside the front cover of this magazine. Happy swapping and shopping!

WHO'S WHO AT YOUR COOPERATIVE - JACK MALOUGHNEY



Jack Maloughney joined the Triangle Communications family 22 years ago. If you have heard of 'a jack of all trades' that would

describe Jack's journey at Triangle. He began his career as a shop assistant moved to a Construction Tech then became an Area Maintenance Tech. Jack has also been the Area Operations Manager and is currently the Business Sales Manager.

In his current position, Jack and his team work to provide business customers with advanced services and technologies they can use to modernize their businesses. The Business Techs install and maintain technology for our members and the Business Reps work directly with members to support their needs. Jack commented, "Working with members to find ways technology can enhance their business or daily life is pretty cool. Technology keeps changing so we are constantly learning and adapting."

With three teenagers, Jack and his wife do not have a lot of spare time. They are traveling the state to watch their kids participate in softball, baseball, football, or tennis. Plus, Jack volunteers his time

with Havre American Legion Baseball, Havre Youth Baseball, Havre High School Athletics and MSU-Northern Athletics.

Jack said his guilty pleasure is bicycling and he wished the climate in the Havre areas could accommodate cycling year-round. Thanks, Jack, for sharing a bit about yourself with our members!

By Denise Kovacich, Communications Specialist

MYSTERY PHOTO AND TELCO QUIZ

Two Lucky Subscribers Per Issue Will Win \$25!

We received 78 entries that correctly answered the Telco Quiz that the Triangle Board determines if a capital credit return can be done and/or identified the Mystery Photo as a portion of the Annual Meeting ad.

Congratulations to Jacy Stolem and Arleen Weppler who were randomly drawn to receive a \$25 credit on their next Triangle bill.

Try your luck with this issue's quiz and mystery photo shown on the right.



Two Chances to Win!

#1. What day does 10-Digit Dialing go into effect?

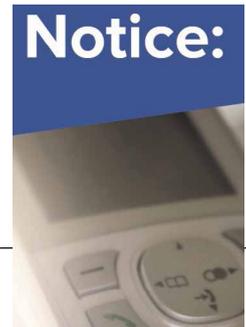
#2. Mystery Photo (right):

My name is: _____

My Triangle phone number is _____

Yes! I want to receive e-mail notifications about special events or deals in my area. My e-mail address is: _____

Entries must be received by October 4, 2021 to be eligible for the drawing. Please return this slip with your payment or mail to: Newsletter, Triangle Communications, PO Box 1220, Havre MT 59501. You can also submit your answers at www.itstriangle.com/telco-quiz.



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